

To: Members of the Judiciary Committee
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From: Sharon Delaney, Bethel, CT
Re: Testimony In Support of HB-6355
Date: March 4, 2021

Dear Chairs and Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Sharon Delaney and I am a resident of Bethel, CT and a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.
I am submitting testimony in support of HB-6355.

I support this bill in honor of my granddaughter, Emily Todd, who was murdered in December 2018. The individual that murdered her had threatened to kill himself and knowing that he had a gun, Emily reached out to Bridgeport police to intervene. They attempted to locate him but gave up on a chase as well as doing nothing to follow up. It was a horrendous ordeal for Emily making that phone call to the police. When her murderer found out that she contacted the police, he became infuriated and days later, he killed her with this very same gun that he threatened to kill himself with.

Had she been able to directly petition the court herself to issue a protective order instead of having to rely on the current archaic method, she would likely be alive today.

I implore you to pass this bill in an effort to save a life....and another family from the immeasurable heartbreak and pain that we are going through due to my granddaughter being taken from us.

Thank you.

Sharon Delaney
Bethel, CT